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Dear Mr. Betzner,

I would like to thank you and your wife belatedly for your kind, impromptu, hospitality when I was in Kansas City. I appreciated the chance to meet with you and examine your son's photographs of the Kennedy assassination. I am glad that it also served the purpose of giving you and Dr. Nichols the chance to meet. He speaks highly of you.

In response to your son's generous offer, I submit to you the enclosed affidavit concerning the conditions under which I can use the prints he has so kindly agreed to let me have. If the affidavit is for some reason not sufficient, please so inform me and I will execute another one to your specifications. As I stated in your home, I will definitely contact you if I discover anything in those photos which might increase their historical or monetary value, as I think that such knowledge is properly yours. As for copies of the prints, would it be possible for me to have 2 copies of each. I ask this because I have had some unfortunate experience with totally unpredictable fluke accidents which have destroyed a few things of which I had only one copy, and so like to have two copies of every item in my files. In addition, it is useful to have a spare on which to make measurements. In addition, a blowup of the center portion (showing the faces in the crowd) of photo two would greatly facilitate my work if your son would have no objection.

Since Dr. Nichol's photographer will be making the prints, I wonder if your son would consider the possibility of making a similar agreement with one other researcher--Harold Weisberg, the well-known author. He often discovers things of importance or value which others miss and would be able to help me work with the photos if he had copies. If your son has no objections, then perhaps Mr. Weisberg could also execute an affidavit and then Dr. Nichol's photographer could just make an extra copy of each photo. Dr. Nichol's knows Mr. Weisberg quite well so the logistics of this arrangement would not be difficult. From past experience I am certain that Mr. Weisberg would be glad to aid me in my work with these photos and that is why I take the liberty of making such a suggestion. If your son OK'd the idea, then either Dr. Nichols or myself could send Mr. Weisberg a copy of my affidavit and he could execute an identical one.

Thanks again for your trouble on my behalf. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gary Richard Schoener
Box 392 Mayo Hospital
Minneapolis, Minnesota
55455

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Gary Richard Schoener, on the 10th day of November, 1969, swear to abide by the following conditions with regard to any photographic prints given me by Mr. Hugh Betzner III and my use of them:

The prints are for my own exclusive use and study and I will not give or sell them to any other person or reproduce them further, and they will not be published.

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Gary Richard Schoener
11/10/69

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th
day of November A.D. 1969

Cecil Olive Anderson

CECILE OLIVE ANDERSON
Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.
My Commission Expires June 24, 1972